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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1317

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF WHO VISITED WUHAN AND CHANGSHA IN LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY, AND AN INDIAN EMBOFF WHO VISITED NANKING IN EARLY JULY, HAVE PROVIDED US INFORMATION ON WALL POSTERS THAT INDICATE CONTINUING POLITICAL TURMOIL IN THOSE CITIES.

2. WUHAN (JUNE 29-30). THE MAJORITY OF THE POSTERS ATTACKED HUPEH REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CHAO HSIN-CHU, VICE CHAIRMAN CHAO HSIU, AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER CHIANG I FOR THEIR ALLEGED ROLE IN HANDLING OF AN APRIL MURDER CASE AND A LATE JUNE "CHANG CHIANG JIHPAO" (YANGTZE DAILY) CASE.

(A) THE MURDER CASE. IT APPEARS THAT HSIEH CHAO-FU, HO TIEN-TSE, LIU TZU-PING (NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION GIVEN) AND OTHERS WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER IN APRIL OF ONE WU CHI-HUA. POSTERS SIGNED WANG KE-CHEN AND CHOU CHIH-KANG PETITIONED FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ACCUSED, CHARGING THE AFOREMENTIONED HUPEH AUTHORITIES OF ACTING IMPROPERLY IN THE CASE. POSSIBLY RELATED POSTERS REFERRED TO A "JUNE 3 INCIDENT"; CRITICIZED CHAO HSIN-CHU FOR ORDERING POLICE TO "ATTACK TWO PERSONS"; AND TERMED A JUNE 16 WUHAN MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY CHAO HSIN-CHU A "REVERSE THE VERDICTS AND RESTORATIONIST ASSEMBLY".

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(B) THE YANGTZE DAILY CASE. ON JUNE 24 THE YANGTZE

DAILY PUBLISHED A COMMENTARY ENTITLED "THE HELMSMAN IN OUR RANKS" (WOMEN TUI-SHANG DE CHANG-TUO-REN). WHATEVER THE CONTENT, IT INSPIRED ONE LIU CHANG-AN AND SEVEN COHORTS TO INVADE AND OCCUPY THE OFFICES OF THE NEWSPAPER CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR ON JUNE 26. ON THE SAME DAY THE NEWSPAPER PUT UP A LARGE POSTER REQUESTING THE LOCAL POLICE TO "ARREST THE EIGHT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES". THIS WAS APPARENTLY DONE FORTHWITH, SINCE POSTERS WENT UP THE FOLLOWING DAY CRITICIZING CHAO HSIN-CHU, CHAO HSIU AND THE YANGTZE DAILY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. ON JUNE 29 THE JAPANESE EMBASSY WITNESSED A MASS CRITICISM SESSION HELD IN THE OPEN TO ATTACH CHAO HSIN-CHU AND THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE AFFAIR.

(C) OTHER POSTERS. WUHAN MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WANG KE-WEN WAS BRACKETED WITH CHAO HSIN-CHU AND CHAO HSIU AS THE "THREE BAD PERSONS OF WUHAN". A LARGE POSTER ON THE OUTER WALL OF THE WUHAN AUTOMOTIVE FACTORY READ "STRIKE DOWN TENG HSIAO-PING AND WAN LI" (THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS).

3. CHANGSHA (JULY 1-2). THE CITY'S "MAY 1 SQUARE" WAS FILLED WITH POSTERS DURING THE DAWN HOURS OF JULY 1. PRIME TARGETS OF THE POSTER-WRITERS' WRATH WERE: HUNAN PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN CHANG PING-HUA; VICE CHAIRMAN LI CHEN-CHUN; SECRETARY MAO CHIH-YUNG; CHI SHOU-LIANG (STC 7871/1108/5328), IDENTIFIED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHANGSHA MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE SINCE DECEMBER 1975; CHANG SU-CHAI (STC 1728/5126/7872), IDENTIFIED AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THE CHANGSHA MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL OFFICE; AND RAILWAYS MINISTER WAN LI.

(A) THE "TIENHSIN EXPERIENCE". CHANG PING-HUA WAS ACCUSED OF "CONCOCTING" THE "EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE TIENHSIN EXPERIENCE AND CHUCHOU EXPERIENCE" IN AN ATTEMPT TO "SHAKE THE YOUNGER GENERATION". WAN LI WAS CRITICIZED FOR DELIVERY AT TIENHSIN OF THE "TIENHSIN MAY 4 REPORT". THE POSTERS DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE CONTENT OF THESE.

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(B) THE HUNAN DAILY CASE. POSTER WRITERS RECALLED THAT THE SO-CALLED "MR TENG'S WORK GROUP" HAD ARRIVED IN MAY 1975 AT THE HUNAN DAILY AND HAD LABORED THERE FOR 5 MONTHS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ROOT OUT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS. CHANG PING-HUA AND LI CHEN-CHUN WERE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS GROUP'S WORK AND ASKED TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTIONS. IN REPLY, CHANG SAID IN EFFECT THAT HE HAD MERELY CARRIED OUT ORDERS TRANSMITTED IN THE "CENTRAL 8 CONDITIONS"

(CHUNG YANG PA TIAO) OF DECEMBER 1974. SINCE HIS SUBORDINATE LI CHEN-CHUN HAD EXECUTED THE DIRECTIVE, THE POSTER WRITERS SHOULD REFER THEIR QUESTIONS TO HIM. BUT LI HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE -- OR EVEN SEEN-- SINCE JANUARY 1976, THE POSTERS ADDED.

(C) OTHER POSTERS. NO SPECIFIC CHARGES WERE BROUGHT AGAINST CHANGSHA CHIRMAN CHI SHOU-LIANG, BUT ONE POSTER REQUESTED THAT HE LEAVE SINCE HIS DECEMBER 1975 ARRIVAL HAD "OBVIOUSLY BEEN ARRANGED BY TENG". CHANG SU-CHAI WAS CRITICIZED FOR ASSAULT UPON A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE CHANGSHA MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE. MA CHUANG-KUN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HUNAN PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION BUREAU, WAS ASSIGNED CULPABILITY FOR THE PROVINCE'S UNSPECIFIED "TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS" AND ACCUSED OF BEING AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF "THE BLACK LINE BEHIND ALL TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS". AT A MEETING JUNE 18 WITH HIS ACCUSERS, MA REFUSED TO DELIVER A SELF-CRITICISM.

4. NANKING (EARLY JULY). WALL POSTERS ATTACKED KIANGSU REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PENG CHUNG AND VICE CHAIRMAN HSU CHIA-T'UN AS FOLLOWERS OF TENG HSIAO-PING. GATES

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